Anthony W. Rector General Delivery Los Alamitos, California, 90720 Telephone: 424-702-7996 3 4 5 6 ANTHONY W. RECTOR 7 8 Plaintiff, 9 10 11 RECEIVEABLES PERFORMANCE 12 MANAGEMENT (RPM); WESTERN DENTAL SERVICES INC.; AND DOES 1 13 through 10 Inclusive 14 15 Defendant(s), 16 17

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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CASE NO:

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF TELEMARKETING AND THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (TCPA)

TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED

#### **JURISDICTION**

1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer, against Defendant(s), RECEIVEABLES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT (RPM), WESTERN DENTAL SERVICES INC for violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. §§ 227, et seq., the Fair Debt Collections Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692, et seq. ("FDCPA"), and the invasions of Plaintiff's personal privacy by the Defendant and its agents in their illegal efforts to collect a consumer debt.

- 2. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 3. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391.

#### **PARTIES**

- 4. Plaintiff, ANTHONY W. RECTOR, is an adult individual residing in Los Alamitos, California.
- 5. Plaintiff is a consumer within the meaning of the TCPA and the FDCPA.
- 6. Defendant, RECEIVEABLES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT (RPM), is a California corporation with a principal place of business at 20816 44th Ave W., Lynnwood, WA 98036 operating as a collection agency, and is a "debt collector" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692a(6) and the California Fair Debt and Collections Practices Act (CFDCPA), California Civil Code section 1788(1)(2).

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 7. At all pertinent times hereto, Defendant was collecting a debt relating to Western Dental Corporation.
- 8. The debt at issue arises out of an alleged transaction which was primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 9. At all times material and relevant hereto, Plaintiff did not owe the debt to Defendant, and has never owed a debt to Defendant.
- 10. January 12, 2013, Defendant called Plaintiff's <u>cellular telephone</u> number 424-288-xxxx (at 2:12 P.M.) using artificial and/or prerecorded voice technology to coerce payment of the debt, with the intent to annoy, abuse or harass Plaintiff. Defendant then continued to repeatedly call Plaintiff's cellular telephone number on the following dates: January 13<sup>th</sup> (at 7:10 A.M.),

- to ring with intent to annoy, abuse, or harass any person at the called number.
- 13. Defendant knew or should have known that their actions violated the TCPA and the FDCPA.

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#### COUNT I-VIOLATIONS OF THE TCPA

- 14. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs as though the same were set forth at length herein.
- 15. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant used, controlled and or operated "automatic telephone dialing systems" as defined by § 227(a)(1) of the TCPA and the California Fair Debt and Collections Practices Act (CFDCPA), California Civil Code section 1788(1)(2).
- 16. Defendant initiated at least seven (47) telephone calls to Plaintiff's telephone line using artificial and or prerecorded voices to deliver messages without the express consent of Plaintiff, in violation of 47 U.S.C. § § 227 (1)(A)(iii) of the TCPA and the California Fair Debt and Collections Practices Act (CFDCPA), California Civil Code section 1788(1)(2).
- 17. The acts and or omissions of Defendant were done unfairly, unlawfully, intentionally, deceptively and fraudulently and absent bona fide error, lawful right, legal defense justification or legal excuse.
- 18. As a result of the above violations of the TCPA, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff in the sum of Plaintiff's statutory damages, actual damages, and treble damages.

#### COUNT II-VIOLATIONS OF THE FDCPA

- 19. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs as though the same were set forth at length herein.
- 20. The Defendant caused a phone to ring repeatedly with the intent to annoy and harass, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692d(5).
- 21. The Defendant employed false and deceptive means to collect a debt, in violation of 15

U.S.C. § 1692e(10).

22. The Plaintiff is entitled to damages as a result of Defendant's violations.

#### **COUNT III**

# VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA FAIR DEBT AND COLLECTIONS PRACTICES ACT (CFDCPA), CAL. STAT. §1788 BY DEFENDANTS RECEIVEABLES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT (RPM); WESTERN DENTAL SERVICES INC

- 23. Plaintiff alleges and incorporates the information in paragraphs 1 through 22.
- 24. Plaintiff is a consumer within the meaning of §1788(1)(2).
- 25. RPM is a debt collector within the meaning of §1788(1)(2).
- 26. Defendants violated §1788(1)(2) by claiming, attempting or threatening to enforce a debt when such persons knew that the debt was not legitimate.

#### COUNT III-INVASION OF PRIVACY -INTRUSION UPON SECLUSION

- 27. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs as though the same were set forth at length herein.
- 28. Defendant invaded the privacy of Plaintiff by unreasonably intruding upon his seclusion by calling his personal telephone and leaving messages in relation to a debt that Plaintiff did not owe to Defendant.
- 29. Defendant intruded, physically or otherwise, upon to solitude and or seclusion of Plaintiff in a manner which was highly offensive to Plaintiff and other reasonable persons if same should be in similar positions.
- 30. Defendant's intentional intrusions, physical or otherwise, upon the solitude and or seclusion

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of Plaintiff were substantial and highly offensive. 31. As a direct and proximate cause of the telephone calls that harassed, annoyed and abused Plaintiff, Defendant disturbed the peace and tranquility of his home, invaded Plaintiff's privacy and intruded upon his seclusion, was a substantial factor in bringing about the serious injuries. damages and harm to Plaintiff that are outlined more fully above and, as a result, Defendant is liable to compensate Plaintiff for the full amount of actual, compensatory and punitive damages, as well as such other relief, permitted under the law. JURY TRIAL DEMAND 32. Plaintiff demands trial by jury on all issues so triable. PRAYER FOR RELIEF WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that relief be granted as follows: (a) Actual damages; pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and the California Fair Debt and Collections Practices Act (CFDCPA), California Civil Code section 1788(1)(2). (b) Statutory damages; pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and the California Fair Debt and Collections Practices Act (CFDCPA), California Civil Code section 1788(1)(2). 

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